

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1 and 4-34 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

### **REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112**

Claims 13-31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants have amended independent Claims 13, 20 and 26 to overcome the objection in a manner consistent with that proposed by the Examiner.

### **REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claims 1, 2 and 7-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Williams (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0029948-A1. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of objected to Claim 3 and intervening Claim 2. As such, Claim 1 is now considered to be in condition for allowance.

### ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that claims 3-6 and 10-12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. As such, new independent Claim 32 is generally a combination of original independent Claim 1 and objected to Claim 10. Likewise, new independent Claim 33 is generally a combination of original independent Claim 1 and objected to Claim 11. Finally, new independent Claim 34 is generally a combination of original independent Claim 1 and objected to Claim 12. The Examiner is kindly asked to consider and allow each of these new claims.

### CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1240.

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